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DE 29 36 905 C2 was cited by the German Examiner, in the attached copy of the German Search Report, as disclosing only background art. This document does not show certain features of the invention, for example, that the feeding pipe 9 leads from a lateral inlet 11 via redirecting means 10 to a vertical direction to the distributor 24. This redirecting means allows an easy removal of the nozzle bar in an upward direction.

A copy of U.S. Patent No. 5,632,938, which is the English equivalent of DE 693 19 582 T2, was previously submitted for the Examiner's consideration with the Information Disclosure Statement filed on June 10, 2005. Therefore, a copy of DE 693 19 582 T2 is not being provided.

Copies of the U.S. patent references are not being submitted herewith in accordance with the Official Gazette Notice dated August 5, 2003, waiving the requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(i) for submitting copies of U.S. patents in patent applications filed after June 30, 2003.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider these references in connection with the search of the prior art required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.104.

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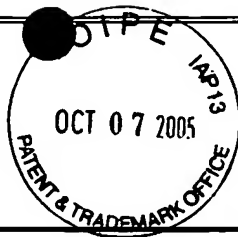
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